

den, and counting the blades of grass in the park, and the leaves on the trees.

Then they were fools surely, not wise men? Traitors, not true servants to their Lord?

Ah! I can't tell! You must ask him that! I only know their Master said, "Go ye into *all the world*, and preach the gospel to *every creature*, and that 1883 years afterwards they had *not even mentioned that there was a gospel, to one-half the world!*

STIRRING UP THE GIFTS.

ONE Sabbath our minister preached from the words, "Stir up the gift of God which is in thee," (2 Timothy i. 6); and after a brief explanation of the import of the words as they were originally spoken, made use of them to deliver a forcible and pointed discourse concerning the duty of all persons to make the most of their talents in God's service.

The next day several ladies of the congregation happening to meet at Mrs. Lyle's, they fell to talking about the sermon, which had rather stirred them up. Very likely this is what the minister expected, or, at least, hoped for.